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REMARKS

Claims 1-58 remain in this application. Please amend paragraph [0039] to correct a typographical error. The typographical error was that the hydroxyl number for Pluracol® 593 was stated as 460. However, the hydroxyl number is 46. Applicant attaches, at tab 1, a technical bulletin for Pluracol® 593 which states the hydroxyl number as between 44 and 47. The technical bulletin was published August 2001.

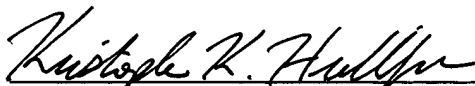
The entrance of this preliminary amendment for the purposes of filing the attached continuation application is respectfully submitted.

Respectfully submitted

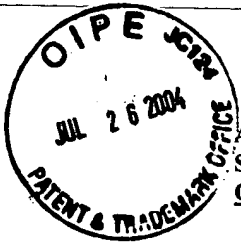
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Pluracol® 593

Specialty Polyol

Technical Bulletin

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Pluracol® polyol 593 is a 3650 molecular weight polyol containing a high proportion of ethylene oxide in the polyol chain. Pluracol 593 can be used in the formulation for hydrophilic flexible slabstock foams. Pluracol 593 is incompatible with other slab polyols and will separate from other polyols unless continuously agitated.

Product Specifications	Value	Method (STI)
Hydroxyl number, mg KOH/gm	44.0 - 47.0	3007/3162
Water, weight % maximum	0.05	3062
Acid number, maximum	0.01	3063/3161
Na&K, ppm maximum	5	3038
Color, APHA maximum	30	3057
Unsaturation, meq/g, maximum	0.09	3056

Typical Properties	
Nominal functionality	3
Nominal molecular weight	3650
Density, lbs/gal @77°F	9.10
110°F	9.03
150°F	8.90
Viscosity, CPS @ 77°F	1340
110°F	400
150°F	183
Specific heat, BTU /lb °F	0.5
Thermal conductivity, BTU/hr ft ² °F/in	0.087
Appearance	water white liquid

Storage and Handling: Pluracol 593 should be stored under dry conditions below 130°F.

Shipping Information: 20,000-gallon tank cars, 6,000-gallon tank trucks and 55-gallon nonreturnable steel drums are standard.

In case of chemical emergency: Call CHEMTREC 800-424-9300 or BASF (800-832-HELP) day or night for assistance and information concerning spilled material, fire, exposure and other chemical accidents. Outside the U.S., call (703) 527-3887.

Warning: These products can be used to prepare a variety of polyurethane products. Polyurethanes are organic materials and must be considered combustible.

Attention: This product is sold solely for use by industrial institutions. Refer to our Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) regarding regulatory compliance, safety, hazards, spill procedures and disposal of this product. An MSDS as well as additional information on BASF urethane chemicals may be obtained by telephoning BASF Corporation, Urethane Customer Service at (877) 297-3322 or faxing (734) 324-6866.

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